

Torrance, California.  
September 13th., 1932.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chamber at Torrance, California, September 13th., 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 23rd, 1932, be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Board of Education, addressed to F. R. Leonard, City Engineer, agreeing to pave roadway on Fern and Eldorado Streets 30 ft. and also to connect with sewer at Date Avenue. Councilman Ludlow moved we accept their proposition and the City Engineer to notify them of the fact. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Executive Board of the Gardens Tax Reduction League, addressed to the Mayor, expressing their sincere appreciation for his help in getting relief for the Alondra Park Assessment District.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from The Citizens Committee of Alondra Park Assessment District, addressed to the Honorable Councilmen, expressing their sincere appreciation for the assistance the Councilmen rendered for relief on the taxes for this district.

A communication was read from The County Counsel, addressed to W. T. Klusman, Mayor of Torrance, stating the Board of Supervisors has contributed the sum of \$108,000.00 toward the levy of \$120,797.00 for assessments in Acquisition and Improvement District No. 28, Alondra Park, as relief to the property owners in this overburdened assessment

district. By virtue of the contribution, there remains a balance of only \$12,797.00 to be carried by the property owners in the district for the year 1932-33. Councilman Ludlow moved we write to the Board of Supervisors and express to them our thanks and complimenting them on the way the work is done. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition signed by Service Clubs and Business Men asking for funds for the purpose of operating the organization of the Boy Scouts in Torrance. The sum heretofore received has been \$400.00 per annum from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce but the budget of the Boy Scouts has been cut so that \$350.00 will be sufficient for their operating expenses for the ensuing year. Councilman Wright moved this be carried over until next regular meeting. After some discussion, Councilman Wright withdrew this motion and moved this be referred to the Chamber of Commerce for their recommendation and approval and report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Health, containing a detailed opinion from the County Counsel's Office concerning the matter of the power of the county to render service in public health, particularly the recent agitation for a dollar a year contract.

A communication was read from the Automobile Club of Southern California, with reference to a detailed statement of the recently announced state highway development plan of the Automobile Club of Southern California and the California State Automobile Association. Councilman Wright moved this be laid on the table until next regular meeting. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had an estimate from Couch and Herron covering expense of sinking a dry well at Palm and Narbonne Avenues and requested Engineer Leonard to read this estimate. Councilman Ludlow moved the matter be referred to the proper committee and further estimates be asked and report back at next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Klusman stated that at the last meeting of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities he invited the League to meet in Torrance on October 13th, 1932, for a dinner.

Engineer Leonard stated there has been an estimate submitted for painting the street names on the curbs in Walteria. Clerk Bartlett read the estimate. Councilman Hitchcock moved we hold this over until next meeting and request the Engineer to have a list covering the requirements for doing this work. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Hitchcock presented the matter of purchasing paint to be used in painting traffic stripe on streets reading the two estimates received, as follows:

From C.A. Paxman - 30 gallons White Traffic Lac in  
one gallon cans ..... \$75.00.

From S.S. Worrell- 30 gallons of Traffic Lac (or  
Zone Paint) white, one gallon  
cans (Sherwin-Williams Paint).. \$45.60.

Councilman Hitchcock moved the paint be purchased from S.S. Worrell and proceed with the work. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Wright stated that the ANIMAL POUND ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 236 was ready for adoption, and moved Ordinance No. 236 be adopted. Councilman Ludlow stated that he would like to recommend an amendment to the Ordinance before final adoption and moved that Ordinance No. 236 be amended to read: "For every male dog, the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year; and for every female dog, the sum of

Two Dollars (\$2.00) per year" instead of "For every male dog, the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per year; and for every female dog, the sum of Four Dollars (\$4.00) per year". Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Ludlow then seconded the motion made by Councilman Wright that Ordinance No. 236 be adopted, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Wright moved the attorney be instructed to draw up a contract with Mr. P.G. Bennett of Walteria and present at the next meeting. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Klusman. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Attorney Jensen read

ORDINANCE NO. 238

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,  
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 139.

Councilman Wright moved Ordinance No. 238 be approved for its first reading. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was defeated by a tie vote.

Councilman Ludlow stated we have received 4 or 5 estimates from local agents on automobile insurance for the city, 3 estimates being identically the same, one of these is from a foreign insurance Company, 2 estimates are from non-board companies. I believe this business should be passed around among the local agents each year and placed in a board company and move that the Automobile Fleet Insurance estimate of Mr. W. H. Gilbert be accepted for the coming year. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, and Wright. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner, COUNCILMAN: Klusman not voting.

Councilman Ludlow moved we accept the estimate of non-ownership automobile insurance submitted by Mr. Locke. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow moved we instruct the City Clerk to see that the proper indorsement protecting the city be placed on the individual policy covering the garbage collector's truck. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow stated he understood there was some complaint regarding poisonous fumes from the smelter on Western Avenue and there may be some one in the audience who wished to say something in regard to the matter. Engineer Leonard stated that undoubtedly there has been damage done to vegetation due to use of certain furnaces, that the Board of Health has taken this matter up and is investigating the situation. Also the Forestry Department of the County has investigated the matter. Mr. Lingenfelter in the audience said that the fumes from the plant were poisoning trees and vegetation and causing sickness and something should be done about it.

Councilman Ludlow stated it has been noticed the school busses were not filled to capacity, they were carrying about 12 children. He moved that the City Clerk be instructed to write to the School Board and see what could be done in regard to school busses carrying more children. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Ludlow stated we have a proposal to trade the big fire truck for smaller apparatus to provide protection for outlying districts.

Councilman Ludlow stated we have received a number of letters regarding the periodical audit for the City of Torrance among them one from R.D. Crenshaw and Company who is highly recommended. Also have received a bid from Mr. C.C. Cotton.

Councilman Ludlow asked regarding the Water Suit. City Attorney Jensen stated the attorneys are trying to get the suit advanced on the calendar. After some discussion, Councilman Ludlow recommended that the Mayor appoint a committee to investigate rates, etc. Mayor Klusman appointed himself chairman, and Councilmen Ludlow and Hitchcock to act as a committee.

Councilman Ludlow moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, Ludlow, Wright and Klusman. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Conner.

Councilman Ludlow inquired of the Engineer when report on the water situation would be available. Engineer Leonard stated that the report would be offered in about 10 days.

Councilman Wright suggested the matter of drainage at 220th. Street and Cabrillo Avenue railway crossing be referred to the City Engineer and Street Committee.

Oral communications:

Mr. Nelson, for the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, stated there is unfinished business from the Old Council, in regard to the Water Company requesting permission to move some new pipe and fittings on two lots owned by the Water Company. The lots are in the residential district but the pipe would not be piled so that it would be unsightly. Councilman Ludlow moved we grant the Water Company a temporary permit to store the fittings on their lots until such time as protests against such use of the lots were presented to the Council. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Wright moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Klusman  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.